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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Original) A method of diagnosing colorectal tumors in a subject, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) detecting an expression level of one or more marker genes in a specimen collected from a subject to be diagnosed, wherein the one or more marker genes is selected from the group consisting of the genes listed in Table 1 and the genes listed in Table 2; and
 - (b) comparing the expression level of the one or more marker genes to that of a control, wherein high expression level of a marker gene from Table 1 or a low expression level of a marker gene from Table 2, as compared to control, is indicative of colorectal tumor.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the expression level of the one or more marker genes is determined by following steps of:

synthesizing aRNA or cDNA of the marker genes from a specimen; hybridizing the aRNA or cDNA with probes for marker genes; and detecting the hybridized aRNA or cDNA with the probes quantifying the amount of mRNA thereof.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the probes are fixed on a DNA array.

Claims 4-24. (Cancelled)